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" THE BLUE FOX ✓"

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Synopsis of Episode Four "THE SECRET OF THE FOX SKIN"

Ann lands safely in the lake and swims with her horse across to the opposite shore. John sends his men to hunt for Calvin and Robert while he and Baxter ride after Ann. She gains the lead on them and rides over the hill out of sight. Suddenly her horse goes lame. She jumps off and takes refuge in an old cabin at the foot of an embankment. John and Baxter follow the trail left by the horse. Then Baxter remembers the cabin they passed and realizes the trick Ann has played. He and John turn back just as Ann starts to leave the cabin. Ann sees them and again runs into the cabin, barricading the door. The cabin has no windows large enough to enable anyone to get out or in through them. Baxter and John find that they are unable to break the door in so they get a huge log which they use as a battering ram against the door. Meanwhile Tarka, the Calvin's Indian butler, who has thrown John's Indians off the trail, rides in at the top of the embankment and sees Baxter and John at the cabin.

Swinging his rope to an overhanging tree, he drops to the roof of the cabin. He pulls the shingles loose, making a hole large enough for Ann to escape. Tarka pulls Ann up through the hole in the roof just as Baxter and John break in the door. Baxter and John race around the cabin, while Tarka swings Ann across to the embankment. John climbs to the roof of the cabin after Tarka and the two of them roll to the ground in a desperate hand to hand fight. After a few moments of stiff fighting, Tarka overpowers John and Baxter and Ann secures the other half of the fox skin, which John has stolen from her home. Tarka and Ann ride away and leave Baxter and John to be found by John's Indians.

When Ann and Tarka reach the Calvin home again, there is a happy family reunion. Mrs. Calvin has believed her husband dead for many years and Robert whispers his love to Ann with the Calvin's joyous approval. Then, John Calvin tells them the secret of the fox skin as follows:- Years before, his son, Jim, had gone to Alaska. There he met and married Neeka, the daughter of Chief Bear Claw of the Charka tribe. For a wedding present, Bear Claw gave him and Neeka a valuable hidden mine, named the Blue Fox. Another chief, who called himself Blue Fox, wanted the mine and he tried to kill Jim and secure it. But Jim never disclosed the location and to protect Neeka's right - and those of his baby daughter Ann, in case of his death - he wrote the location in Indian signs on the back of a blue fox skin which he sent to his father in California. It is this skin that John Densmore, the son of Blue Fox, has been trying to secure. Later, Blue Fox did succeed in killing Jim Calvin and causing the death of Neeka. But the baby Ann, was rescued and brought to her grandparents in California. John Calvin had started north as soon as he heard of the death of his son, with a man he trusted, Hawk Baxter. But Baxter tricked him and placed him a prisoner in the Indian village where Ann finally rescued him. All these years Mrs. Calvin has believed Baxter a friend.

As Calvin finishes telling Ann of this secret, Tarka catches a maid listening at the door. Ann realizes that the maid is a spy of Baxter's and John's. Ann and Robert start, in Ann's racing car, for San Francisco to catch the next day's boat for Alaska. The maid, manages to get word to Baxter and John who start in pursuit. Throwing Ann and Robert off their guard by a wire purporting to be from Calvin, Baxter and John manage to get them to take a longer route through the mountains. Then Baxter and John lay in wait for them on the pass road and as Ann and Robert drive into the pass road, he and John with two villainous henchmen, roll a huge boulder down upon the car. The car swerves from the road, crashes through the fence and plunges down a steep cliff to the rocks two hundred feet below.

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